

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

A wire-stitching apparatus for producing wire-stitched print items includes a conveying arrangement for supplying folded, printed products in a straddling position; a wire-stitching unit installed at an adjustable distance above the conveying arrangement and including a bending device; at least one wire-stitching aggregate; and a stitching carriage for moving the at least one wire-stitching aggregate back and forth along a path. The wire-stitching aggregate includes a bender for forming legs of a staple and a driver for pushing the staple legs through the printed products. At least one wire feed feeds wire to the one wire-stitching aggregate at a stitching wire length. At least one adjustable wire-cutting device for adapts a wire staple to the thickness of the printed products. A control unit measures the thickness of the printed products positioned on the conveying arrangement upstream of the wire-stitching unit, and/or processes stored data related to the printed products.